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SUBJECT: CASE REVIEW OF ALL AMERICAN PRISONERS IN MEXICO
(ALISON MARGARET BAUGHMAN AKA WHITE)

REF: STATE 194199 AND MEXICO 2099

1. CONGRESSMAN STARK'S OFFICE RECEIVED FOLLOWING COMPLAINTS FROM BAUGHMAN: FORCED CONFESSION IN SPANISH, DENIAL OF EMBASSY REPRESENTATION AT ANY TIME; POOR HYGIENIC CONDITIONS IN PRISON, AND EXTORTION BY LAWYER. THE DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO RECEIVED INQUIRIES FROM SENATORS HUDDLESTON AND COOKE, AND CONGRESSMEN BYRON AND SNYDER CONCERNING BAUGHMAN CASE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION OR ACTION ON FOLLOWING POINTS.

2. ALLEGATION OF FORCED CONFESSION IN SPANISH: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS STATEMENT OF CIRCUMSTANCES SURROUNDING ARREST IS NOT SELF-INCRIMINATING WITHIN FRAMEWORK OF MEXICAN LAW. BECAUSE OF LAPSE OF TIME SINCE ARREST, SUBSTANTIATION OF CHARGES THAT PRESSURE WAS BROUGHT DOES NOT APPEAR POSSIBLE, AND ACTION IS NO LONGER FEASIBLE.

3. DENIAL OF CONSULAR ACCESS: ALTHOUGH STARK'S MATERIAL
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INDICATES BAUGHMAN WAS DENIED CONSULAR ACCESS, BAUGHMAN

STATES, "THE EMBASSY", WAS THERE THE DAY AFTER ARREST.

EMBASSY RECORDS SHOW SHE WAS ARRESTED 6/25/73, EMBASSY
HEARD OF ARREST THRU PRESS, AND CONOFF VISITED HER 6/26/73.
NO ACTION APPEARS WARRANTED RE THIS COMPLAINT.

4. POSSIBLE EXTORTION BY ATTORNEY: (REF. MEXICO 2099)
BAUGHMAN STATES PER STARK MATERIAL HER PARENTS PAID DOLLARS
1,000 TO LAWYER (NAME NOT MENTIONED), WHO TOOK NO ACTION.
HAS EMBASSY RECEIVED REQUESTED DOCUMENTS FROM BAUGHMAN'S
MOTHER? IF RECEIVED, PLEASE REPORT ACTION TAKEN.

5. VISITATIONS: DEPARTMENT NOTES LAST RECORDED CONOFF
VISIT DATED 6/25/75, AND ASSUMES EMBASSY CONTINUES TO
INSURE BAUGHMAN IS NOTIFIED OF CONOFF AVAILABILITY DURING
SCHEDULED PRISON VISITS. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS EMBASSY FOR
RECORD KEEPING EVEN WHEN BAUGHMAN DECLINES VISITS.

6. APPEAL: WHAT IS STATUS OF APPEAL?

7. COMMISSIONED WORK: NO INDICATION IN FILE THAT
BAUGHMAN HAS COMMISSIONED JOB TO REDUCE SENTENCE. PLEASE
VERIFY IF SHE HAS, WANTS, OR IS ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH JOB.
IF SHE WANTS AND HAS BEEN UNABLE OBTAIN JOB, TRY ASSIST
HER TO GET ONE.

8. EMBASSY SHOULD CABLE NO LATER THAN 11/24/75 STATUS
OF ACTION INITIATED OR COMPLETED ON BAUGHMAN. KISSINGER

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